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SUBJECT: ASSAULT ON MEMBER OF SOVIET UN MISSION IN NEW YORK

1. THERE FOLLOWS UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION OF THIRD-PERSON NOTE
NO. 440 DATED JULY 8, 1977 FROM USSR MISSION CONCERNING ASSAULT
ON COUNSELOR-MILITARY ADVISER COL VLADIMIR CHERNYSHEV:

QUOTE

THE PERMANENT MISSION OF THE UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS TO
THE UNITED NATIONS DECLARES THE FOLLOWING TO THE US MISSION
TO THE UN

ON JULY 7, AT ABOUT 9 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING, USSR MISSION TO
THE UN ADVISER V.N. CHERNYSHEV WAS SUBJECTED ON HIS WAY HOME TO A
BANDIT ATTACK BY TWO UNKNOWN PERSONS IN THE AREA OF 73RD STREET
BETWEEN 1ST AND 2ND AVENUES, WITHOUT ANY REASON AT ALL,
THE "STRANGERS" BRUTALLY ATTACKED V.N. CHERNYSHEV, CAUSING HIM
SERIOUS BODILY INJURY, AND THEN ESCAPED. V.N. CHERNYSHEV WILL
REQUIRE LENGTHY (MEDICAL) TREATMENT.

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THE USSR MISSION DRAWS THE ATTENTION OF THE US MISSION TO THE
PROVOCATIVE NATURE OF THIS ACT, WHICH, FROM ALL
APPEARANCES, HAD BEEN PREMEDITATED.

THE USSR MISSION LODGES A CATEGORICAL PROTEST WITH THE US MISSION
REGARDING THIS BANDIT ATTACK ON A SOVIET DIPLOMATIC OFFICIAL

AND DEMANDS THE TAKING OF THE MOST DRASTIC MEASURES TO SAFEGUARD
THE SECURITY OF SOVIET CITIZENS AND FOR THE PUNISHMENT
OF THE CRIMINALS.

THE USSR MISSION RESERVES THE RIGHTS TO BEGIN BRACKETBRING SUIT
AGAINST (END BRACKET) (BEGIN BRACKET) SUBMIT A CLAIM TO
(END BRACKET) THE US MISSION TO THE UN FOR MORAL AND PHYSICAL
DAMAGES CAUSED TO V.N. CHERNYSHEV.

UNQUOTE

2. ACCORDING TO NOTE, ATTACK OCCURRED NIGHT OF JULY 7, HOWEVER,
NOTE FROM SOVIET MISSION NOT RECEIVED AT USUN UNTIL AFTER COB
JULY 8. USUN CHECKED WITH POLICE AND FBI OVER WEEKEND AND
NEITHER HAD RECEIVED REPORT OF INCIDENT. AT USUN'S
REQUEST, ON MONDAY, JULY 11, POLICE AND FBI SOUGHT APPOINTMENT
TO INTERVIEW CHERNYSHEV. POLICE WERE TOLD HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE AT
4:00 PM THIS DATE. POLICE ARRIVED AT APPOINTED TIME BUT WERE
INFORMED BY FIRST SECRETARY SHCHERBAKOV THAT CHERNYSHEV WAS
NOT AVAILABLE AND IT WAS UNCERTAIN WHETHER HE WOULD BE
AVAILABLE LATER IN THE EVENING. POLICE WILL CONTINUE TO CHECK
WITH SOVIET MISSION. FBI HAS BEEN PROMISED APPOINTMENT JULY 12.
RESULTS OF INTERVIEWS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN RECEIVED.

3. COMMENT: IT HAS BEEN VERIFIED THAT CHERNYSHEV LIVES IN
MANHATTAN AT 1385 YORK AVE, WHICH IS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE OF
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SOVIET MISSION AND IN GENERAL PROXIMITY OF 73RD STREET AND 1ST AVE.
INFORMATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED THAT CHERNYSHEV WAS OBSERVED
WALKING IN THE VICINITY OF HIS RESIDENCE THE MORNING OF
JULY 8. HE WAS WEARING A HEAD BANDAGE.
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